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Demand Now Is For McFarland
and Wolgast Meet Says Corbett

By James J. Corbett
Ex-Heavyweight Champion of
the World.

This Is the Match the Public Wishes to See, Declares ex-Champion, and They
Should Have It—Some Other Live Boxing Comment.

PACKY McFARLAND easily demonstrated he's the master of Matt Wells, England's lightweight champion, and is now prepared to argue the matter of superiority with Ad Wolgast, whenever the latter feels so disposed.

The Garden Athletic club would like to stage a 10 round bout between the pair and would guarantee the champion a substantial sum, with the privilege of a liberal percentage of the gate receipts.

The Chicagoan is said to have accepted matchmaker Tim Hurst's offer and signified a willingness to make 125 pounds for Adolph, scaling at three o'clock in the afternoon.

That McFarland is the "logical opponent," as the saying is, for Wolgast, his record proves beyond the shadow of a doubt. Packy has never been defeated in the ring and is conceded to be the cleverest boxer in the game today. No other contest that could be arranged would so appeal to the great American sporting public as a Wolgast-McFarland set, and it is earnestly hoped the champion decides to settle the long mooted question of superiority as soon as he has properly attended to the case of senior Joe Rivers on Independence day.

If Ad "comes back" with flying colors in the Rivers bout (and anywhere near his best form that should not prove an exceedingly difficult job), he will be compelled to take notice of the Chicagoan's defy. The latter will make the weight concessions stipulated by the champion, and if I know Wolgast, and I think I do, he will not be averse to the meeting, provided the financial inducements are attractive. On this score the Garden club promises to satisfy even the extravagant demands of Tom Jones, Wolgast's capable d'af-faire.

A great many folks, including yours truly, thought Packy made a mistake when he accepted a guarantee to box Wells and refused to gamble on the gate. I, for one, take off my beaver to the young man. He is a who kid sure enough. The gross take of about \$22,000 proved that conclusively. Wells accepted 50 percent of the gross and the same percentage of the future earnings of the "movies," and paid McFarland \$10,000 out of his "drawdown." Matt got a little less than \$5000 cash, but has since sold out his share of the future scheme, so that after all he will not fall much behind Packy in the deal. But it does not matter. The Chicago boy is a shrewd little party and had a pretty good line on the drawing cap of the match.

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Have Wolgast and Rivers
Conspired To Keep Title? By W. W. Naughton

Uncle Bill Naughton Looks Askance at the Lightweight Champion and the
Man With Whom He Is Going To Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 4.—When Butting Nelson hears it he will foam at the mouth.

A Los Angeles dispatch says that Ad Wolgast and Joe Rivers have formed a lightweight championship trust. It will be a waste of breath for any aspiring pugilist to challenge the winner of the fourth of July contest, for Ad and Joe have arranged to meet a second time in McCarney's arena on Labor day, no matter how their first encounter turns out.

No man on God's green footstool ever valued his championship laurels as Nelson did. If he hadn't been such a tough-fibered individual, both mentally and physically, he would have lost his title to Wolgast, who would have broken the Norseman's heart.

Nelson took his medicine, though, without making a wry face. He said that Wolgast had proved himself the better man that day—or at least up to the moment when Eddie Smith interfered and gave the victory to the Michigan wild cat.

"I was in bad shape, all right, but I had been in just as bad a fix in other contests," said the fighter. "I had no idea there was going to be any interference, leastways from the referee. I had a suspicion that my seconds might begin to think my chances of winning had gone and I kept warning them against towel-tossing. I certainly did not feel as though the fight was knocked out of me and I will always think that the tide of the thing might have taken a sudden turn if the referee had held aloof a little while longer. But Smith, I suppose, considers he did the right thing at the right time and that's the end of it. The fact that particular fight is concerned."

How Nelson Sang His Song.
"I believe the world will back me up in saying there is another chance coming to me. If I thought Wolgast was my master would never hear a whimper out of me, but I do not think anything of the kind. I am sure I can retrieve my laurels and just as soon as he has



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Who now contributes weekly to The El Paso Herald's Sporting Column.

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off, Matt might have shown at least a flash of form if only for a round or two. The Garden bout he never was in the hunt as the pictures will show. McFarland has the habit of making an opponent look foolish and Matt discovered early in the contest that he was competing with a much classier boxer than he had met in his previous excursion to this country. It is all well enough to boast of victories over the Knockout Browns, the One-round Hogans and the Leach Crosses, but McFarland's superiority over that class of boys was never more strikingly emphasized than by the manner he handled Wells throughout. One thing Wells proved, however, is a man. He took considerable punishment and was always the aggressor, even though his efforts to land on his wily adversary were sometimes extremely ludicrous.

Freddy Welsh may be given a chance to box McFarland within the next few weeks. The former British champion claims to be fully recovered from the ill effects of the recent injury to his neck muscles and in the best of condition once more. The only barrier in the way of a duel between this clever couple is the matter of avoidability. Welsh is a 125 pounder and wants Mac to make that weight at three in the afternoon. It is not likely the latter will agree to that figure for any other than Wolgast, so it is a question if the match is on.

Hughy McEgan, Australia's champion lightweight, will sail for this country on the same boat that is to bring back the bunch of American beauties who were attracted to the land of the kangaroo by the munificent offers of Hugh McIntosh. From several letters to the writer I gather the info that this McEgan party is the best little man produced by that faroff Griffo. He can sign in 125 without trouble, his informants state, and doesn't object to taking on heavier lads. The report that he had decided to kiss the states is to arrange a match with Wolgast, and in order to convince public and promoters of his "class" will first take on any good boy that may be selected for him.

All of which, if true, has the real championship ring, and Mr. McEgan will find, if he makes good, that American sports can appreciate quality in foreigners quite as much as in the home product.

I note that the elephantine Carl Morris plans another invasion of the east. The report that he had decided to kiss the game goodbye turns out to have been a trifle premature. The gigantic Oklahoma asks for one more chance to satisfy the public that he is the only and original "white hope" and that all his frauds and impostors. Carl will not let the Gotham club fight him each other to secure his services, as was the case when he first stripped his way into town.

Apropos of "hopes," what has become of soldier Kearns, who was cleaning up the heavyweights in this neighborhood? Kearns disappeared from public view a few months ago. Some one told me that Gil Bong, One Round Hogan's manager, had taken charge of the soldier under a year ago. It is true that Kearns was the most promising heavyweight material in these parts.

And that kind of thing I will be ready and waiting for him. I am gratified to know that Wolgast recognizes there is another fight coming to me. His manager, Tom Jones, says he would as soon fight me as anyone else if the inducements look right and he only has to keep his ears open to find out when there is a demand for a return match and every prospect of a record-breaking crowd. It is only right that I should get another chance with Wolgast for the public knows that through all my career I never denied a beaten opponent a second match.

But Nelson never got his return fight with Wolgast. It may have been in a measure his own fault, for in the discussions that arose between the rivals harsh words were used and Nelson abandoned his own diplomacy and abused the new champion roundly. In his chagrin the Dane coined such terms as "chess champion" and "Squirreled head" when thinking up bad threats to apply to the wildest. Such expressions, while no doubt extremely relieving to overwrought feelings, are not by any means conducive to match-making. As a consequence Wolgast turned his back coldly upon the durable Dane and has kept it turned ever since.

Now what will Nelson say when the man who turned him down so unceremoniously is lessening his own risk of relinquishing the championship by arranging for a return match before the first one is fought?

Has a Wetted Look.

No matter what Nelson, or anybody else, has to say about it, the Wolgast-Rivers double steal has a wetted look. By their actions Rivers and Wolgast have yanked the championship out of the open market and are making it their private property. Who can say but that before the Labor day encounter comes along the fact that they meet again on some of the holidays beyond that again and make their little game of freecost, hereinafter, such case it will be in order for lightweight generally, who don't believe in such close corporations where free for all titles are concerned, to hold indignation meetings, appeal to the public and declare the Wolgast-Rivers everlasting championship null and void.

As Naughton Views It.
Seriously, the contract does not look right. Ad and Joe may see no harm in what they are doing—may consider, in fact, that they are not offending against the ethics of the sport in any way, but without intending it, they are casting a slur on their July bout. Since they have had an understanding in regard to a return match it is but natural that suspicion should arise and that sports generally should begin to wonder if there are any other understandings which have not been made public.

Of the two men Wolgast appears in the worse light in the connection. As champion of course, he is the dictator and it stands to reason the suggestion of a brace of fights came from him. For that matter, it was probably one of the eastern conditions under which he agreed to box Rivers. And if that was the way of it, an analysis of Wolgast's motives is easy to make. He feels that by agreeing to box as early as July, he may not be giving himself time to recover properly from his operation for appendicitis and he wants to make sure of a chance to redeem himself later if things go wrong on the fourth.

But this explanation, if it is the right one, will be cold comfort to the lightweight who are compelled to stand idly by until Ad and Joe have finished their series.

herring Tom O'Rourke's pride and joy. At Palmer, and especially since the title was taken away from him. Talk about that old houn' dawg and his troubles. It wasn't a marker to the way they kick Abe around these days. Only last week the former champion met and knocked out Jimmy Carroll, the California featherweight. Atoll is accused of being a party to a fake, and all because Carroll put up a bad fight. At this distance it would seem the critics would agree to suspend judgment in the matter until something tangible in the way of evidence was produced. Abe was a hard proposition to get along with in the old days, and never very popular with the rank and file of sports and newspaper men, but there is a limit to kicking a man just because he's down.

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Less than a year ago Billy Papke was looked upon as the legitimate successor to Stanley Ketchell. And now here he is, boxing back to back with Mac to box notices, while Klaus and Dillon, men who were not thought to class with the Kewanee man, are battling for the light honors in the division. There is no public so fickle as that portion of the population which follows boxing, neither in baseball, and we all know how long fans stick to a player once he begins to hit the tohogkan.

KLAUS AND DILLON GO TWELVE ROUNDS

Dillon Has Advantage at the Start, but Klaus Is Quicker.

New York, N. Y., May 4.—Frank Klaus, of Pittsburgh, outpointed Jack Dillon of Indianapolis, in a time 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden last night. At the ring side, Klaus turned the scale at 168 and Dillon two pounds lighter.

In the two first rounds, Dillon had the better of Klaus, getting his right to the body and head, while Klaus was sending in short lefts and rights to the body and head. The two men were a lot of infighting and they exchanged right uppercuts to the chin. Dillon was slow in the fourth, failing to get his guard up in time to offset Klaus' reach for the head.

Klaus was the quicker in the fifth round and he landed a left jab to the face he had Dillon bleeding from the nose. They exchanged heavy body blows, Klaus having the better of it. It was about the same in the sixth round and in the seventh both slugged, landing wild rights and lefts for fully half the round. Klaus had a straight left to the face and Klaus outpointed him in the close work which followed.

Klaus put two rights to the head in the eighth and then very hard body blows, while Dillon shot in short arm rights and a couple of hard uppercuts on the body and chest. The tenth round was full of stuff infighting in which Klaus did the more damage. Neither man showed much weakness at the finish. Klaus had outpointed his man and won clearly on his general forcing of the fight.

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Our Enterprising Little Reporter Also Caught One



Connie Mack Has Done Most Toward Modernizing the Game Of Baseball

Something of the Methods of the Wonderful, Silent Man of Athletics.

(BY W. J. MACBETH)

NEW YORK, May 4.—The public sits in admiration and awe of Connie Mack's world's champion Athletics. The team which humbles the Giants in the world's series last fall is universally conceded to be one of the very best aggregations produced in the history of the national pastime. Yet, in the veneration of the capability of that wonderful machine, the public is prone to overlook the genius of the man who fashioned it.

Connie Mack did not fall heir to any such collection of stars. He had to dig up each and every one of them. His ultimate success is but a tribute to his foresight and rare judgment. For in his own unassuming quiet way, Mack has changed the business politics of the great organized profession. The leader of the Athletics was a pioneer in his game. He foresaw ten years ago the great development to which this sport would attain in a decade. He realized that each year it would become more difficult to secure desired talent through purchase and trade. Before the rival managers ever dreamed of paying serious attention to the accounting end of the business, Connie Mack had taken the minor organizations and collected with a fine tooth comb.

Has Great Scouting System.
No club in organized baseball has such a perfect scouting system as that of Connie Mack. He himself is the greatest of the sleuthing department and his is the final judgment. He is too apt to miss the tip of their noses. They were content to dwell upon the present so far as results were concerned. Mack studied the future. He planned fully five years ahead. He looked the situation squarely in the face. He saw in a star not his present capability, but the day when he must begin to pale and fade. He figured to have that day some newcomer to steal into the declining veteran's shoes and he always planned on having in his substitute a man far more capable in every department of the game.

When Mack Was Fooled.
Connie Mack was caught napping just once. That was in 1906. He was fooled by his champion aggregation of 1905, the bunch that was so badly shown up by the Giants. Mack overestimated the period of usefulness of many of his veterans. The series with the Giants opened his eyes to his mistake. There was a general house-cleaning the following year. Then it was that the wily Quaker set out in earnest to develop almost single-handed the great machine he now controls.

His case was similar to that of McGraw. The gallant leader of the Polo grounds was in identical the same fix as Mack, though he did not know it. Half the old champions of 1905 had cracked out on McGraw's hands during the pennant race. The power which series of that year gave McGraw no



CONNIE MACK, THE UNCOMMUNICATIVE
This is the man who has done the most to modernize baseball management. Of the progressives, he is the most energetic.

warning. A disastrous campaign followed the next season. The New York leader immediately began to weed out the old players, and eventually retained in the wonderful team now at home in Brush Stadium.

The 1912 Giants appear to outclass the Athletics as far as the National League is concerned. Athletics outclassed the American league. Eliminating unusual misfortune each year, the Athletics have held on its pennant long before just. In many respects the rival aggregations are very similar. McGraw specializes on speed; Mack on hitting ability. Each of course attempts to combine all possible of the one with the other. Both are solidly established in the matter of youth. Each is fortified with unusually brilliant substitutes. McGraw maintains a chain of no stronger than his weakest link, a team is no stronger than its substitutes.

As to the Two Teams.
Of the two teams the Athletics appear the stronger. Whether they prove so at the end of a strenuous campaign may remain for the next world's series to show. Mack's players are the advantage of larger experience together. It is a more seasoned array in every respect than the Athletics. Every bit as young in years as New York, Mack has far more seasoned pitchers than has McGraw. Mathewson is New York's sole veteran stand-out while Bender, Coombs, Plank and Morgan have shown year in and year out for seasons that there are few better so long as they can cheat Old Father Time. Mack also has a lot of promising young tossers who may deliver when the opportunity strikes. Now has shown the promise of "Tub" Marquard. McGraw has the greatest catcher of the age in Gus Meyers. Wilson is as fine a second string man as could be found anywhere. But the world's champions are not weak behind the bat. Thomas and Lamp are of the best in the league perhaps almost the equal of McGraw's Indian in plain backstopping and throwing. The high not of course so readily with the ash.

McGraw's team is the faster; Mack's the much more powerful in hitting. A club that hits close to the 300 notch collectively can do fairly well in any league behind even mediocre tossing. Give it one of the finest of the departments in the game, such as the Athletics boast, and it will prove well nigh invincible.

The Great Infield of Mackmen.
In the opinion of most experts Con-

nie Mack has the greatest infield ever shown. This is doubly true of the "Stuffy" Melina can deliver such goods at first as he showed last season. But the greatest infield in the game, the most perfect sliding quartet imaginable, Melina last season, was as great as Collins. Barry is the greatest shortstop of the age—managers no add of all time. Baker needs no endorsement in New York. And every one of the four can hit like a demon and skirt the sacks like a flash.

After the final game of the world's series in Philadelphia last fall, manager McGraw, of the Giants, paid a fitting tribute to Connie Mack's infield. "It is the greatest infield I ever saw," he said. "Not even the old Baltimore bunch could show it anything. Collins and Barry are the greatest pair that ever graced the Kingdom. Why, that once in the whole series we were able to fool those two kids. It was no difference through which side we attempted the hit and run, the right man always covered. Actually believe this pair is so fast that it can wait until the ball is hit to figure out the proper defense. We were beaten by one of the greatest teams of all history and by a team whose infield is one of its main towers of strength."

Has Many Players Planted.
Connie Mack's club has always been a great trouble maker for other teams in the American league. He never before had such a wonderful club as that which he now commands. For the next three or four years his youngsters are going to be right in the thick of baseball fame. When Collins, Barry, Baker and Melina begin to go, Connie Mack will undoubtedly produce competent successors to them. He has dozens upon dozens of athletes lined up in the minor leagues for development. Any one of them he can call upon at short notice. This is the leader of the world's champions absolutely fortified against the future.

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